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I think the primary punishment would be that the computer consumer should receive rebates for years of overpriced and underperforming Microsoft related software. Perhaps a \$200 per consumer rebate, if one can produce a receipt for any prior microsoft operating system and \$50 per windows related application.

If a socialistic approach is involved, I agree with Redhat's proposal (as only PARTIAL PUNISHMENT to Microsoft for years of corrupt, anti-competitive, anti-innovation monopolist business practices:

- Microsoft redirects the value of their proposed software donation to the purchase of additional hardware for the school districts. This would increase the number of computers available under the original proposal from 200,000 to more than one million, and would increase the number of systems per school from approximately 14 to at least 70.
- Red Hat, Inc. will provide free of charge the open-source Red Hat Linux operating system, office applications and associated capabilities to any school system in the United States.
- Red Hat will provide online support for the software through the Red Hat Network.
- Unlike the Microsoft proposal, which has a five-year time limit at which point schools would have to pay Microsoft to renew their licenses and upgrade the software, the Red Hat proposal has no time limit. Red Hat will provide software upgrades through the Red Hat Network online distribution channel.
- MY ADDENDUM to Redhat's suggestion: No Microsoft logos or advertizing of any kind should be permitted -- i.e. Microsoft should be prevented from taking credit for helping others --- this is supposed to be PUNISHMENT!

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